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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 7, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-24 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-24 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance, without further search, and respectfully request such action.